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WASHINGTON, DC - Congressman Mike Pence delivered the following remarks on the floor of the U.S. House to pay tribute to fallen Army Specialist Jacob Sexton of Farmland, IN:

"Sometimes our heroes fall on foreign soil, and sometimes they come home and fall, but we honor their service and sacrifice all the same.

"Madam Speaker, I rise with a heavy heart to mark the sudden passing of a hero from my home state of Indiana and to honor his service and his life.

"Army Specialist Jacob Sexton, a combat veteran of the conflicts both in Iraq and Afghanistan, tragically passed away while on leave from his overseas duties earlier this week.

"A native of Farmland, Indiana, Jacob graduated from Monroe Central High School, and like many men in the Sexton family, Jacob chose to wear the uniform.

"Jacob served with Alpha Company, 2nd Battalion, 151st Infantry Regiment of the Indiana National Guard. Those who served with him remember a selfless soldier who was quick to volunteer for difficult assignments. A Humvee driver while in Iraq, he took on dangerous positions, often leaving him exposed to IED and small arms attacks. As an infantryman in Afghanistan, Jacob saw firsthand the perils of combat, but he faced those perils with courage.

"Those close to Jacob noted that the stresses of combat and long deployments seemed to have little effect on his infectious personality. However, after this week's tragic events it's painfully clear that Jacob Sexton was deeply affected by his experiences in uniform and on deployment.

"While his loss leaves far too many questions unanswered, I believe it is yet another

reminder of the special care that our heroes need and deserve, those who defend freedom when they come home.

"Heroes like Army Specialist Jacob Sexton are the pride of their family, and our nation's most treasured citizens.

"To Jacob's family-his parents Jeff and Barbara, his brothers Joshua, Jeremiah, and Jared-and all those who served with him, know that you have our deepest condolences, the gratitude of the people of Indiana and you shall remain in the hearts of a grateful nation forever."